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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
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SUBJECT: RESUPPLY TO ISRAEL

REF: STATE 204562
1. WE KNOW THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S GENERAL VIEW ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS: IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT UK SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED OR APPEAR TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH ISRAEL NOR WITH ANY ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL OR WHICH ARABS MAY THINK ARE IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL.

2. IN LIGHT OF PRECEDING PARAGRAPH WE THINK THAT BRITISH GOVT REACTION TO A USG REQUEST FOR USE OF BRITISH BASES FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OR TRANSIT POINTS EN ROUTE TO MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE NEGATIVE. BRITISH GOVT HAS ALREADY ASKED AND RECEIVED FROM USG ASSURANCES THAT US IS NOT RESUPPLYING ISRAEL FROM STOCKS IN THE UK NOR USING THE UK AS A TRANSIT POINT. (FLOYD-GALLOWAY SECURE TELECON OCTOBER 16) WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRIMIN OR FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT. USE OF US BASES IN UK WITHOUT LATTER'S
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PERMISSION WOULD CAUSE POLITICAL PROBLEM OF FIRST MAGNITUDE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY USG MAY

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WISH TO APPROACH UK FOR AUTHORIZATION TO USE BASE
FACILITIES IN THE UK FOR REFUELING PLANES RETURNING
FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. IN OUR VIEW BRITISH WOULD PREFER
NOT TO GRANT SUCH AUTHORIZATION BUT MIGHT RELUCTANTLY
DO SO IF USG PRESSED HARD.
4. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBILITY OF USE OF US BASES IN
UK FOR EMERGENCY LANDINGS, WE ANTICIPATE THAT BRITISH
WOULD VIEW THIS AS LAST RESORT ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

5. JUST AS MEDIA AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES IN BRITAIN ARE
MIXED TOWARD MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, WE ANTICIPATE SUCH
ATTITUDES WOULD BE MIXED VIS-A-VIS ANY US USE OF BASES
IN UK IN CONJUNCTION WITH RESUPPLY, ASSUMING UK GOVT
HAD AGREED THERETO.

6. SHOULD WE BE INSTRUCTED TO RAISE QUESTION WITH HMG
WE WOULD PROPOSE TO DRAW PRIMARILY ON JUSTIFICATION
CONTAINED STATE 203684, WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THE
SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ARABS (UPDATED ON QUANTITIES).

7. IF HMG SHOULD AGREE TO US USE OF UK BASES IN ANY
CONNECTION WITH ISRAELI RESUPPLY, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT
THEY WOULD INSIST ON PRESS GUIDANCE AGREED IN ADVANCE.

8. DEPT PASS UNCINCEUR.
ANNENBERG

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